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**SANDLIN HELPS PASS BIPARTISAN BILL TO PREVENT AND FIGHT**

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Today, Rep. Herse



“The cost of fighting fires                      has skyrocketed over the past decade,” Rep. Herseth Sa

The FLAME bill creates a dedicated fund for catastrophic, emergency wildland fire

The bill also requires the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to submit a report

The FLAME Act also establishes a grant program within each department designe

Importantly, the bill does not create any new spending or add to the deficit. In fact,

This legislation is supported by the Western Governors Association, a bipartisan g

In supporting the legislation,                      Tom Troxel of the Black Hills Forest Resource Associ

In the 110th Congress, the House passed a similar version of the FLAME

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Herseth Sandlin concluded by saying, “Given the damage wildfires have caused in

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